

1 [SUPPORTING INCLUSIVE COMMISSION REPRESENTATION]

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3 **Resolution supporting passage of the San Francisco Commissions for All’s Aspiring**
4 **Citizens Charter Amendment, 200452 - Requirements for Commission Membership**
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6 WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco includes many boards,
7 commissions, and advisory bodies (“Policy Bodies”), all of which have tremendous influence
8 over decisions and policies affecting San Francisco residents through their powers of decision
9 making, oversight, advocacy, and policy recommendations to San Francisco government
10 officials; and

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12 WHEREAS, Section 4.101 of the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco
13 currently states that San Francisco’s Policy Bodies must consist of electors of the City and
14 County; and

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16 WHEREAS, San Francisco non-electors are not permitted to serve on Policy
17 Bodies, and except for San Francisco Unified School District Board Elections, noncitizens are
18 not eligible to vote and therefore not considered electors; and

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20 WHEREAS, San Francisco is a diverse City built by immigrants who have continued to
21 contribute to its cultural and economic success. Immigrants make up more than a third of the
22 City’s entire population; and

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24 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission believes the City
25 Charter’s elector requirement results in the lack of critical and diverse representation

1 on San Francisco’s Policy Bodies; and

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3 BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission endorses the
4 Aspiring Citizens Charter Amendment that removes the citizenship requirement for serving on
5 San Francisco’s Policy Bodies; therefore be it

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7 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Immigrant Rights Commission urges the Board of
8 Supervisors to support and adopt Charter Amendment 200452 - Requirements for
9 Commission Membership.

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